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Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Chesapeake Bay

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General Comment

Thank you for this chance to comment. My name is Rich Dunning I am the Chief Operator of the Hornell Sewage Treatment Plant. The draft TMDL has a basic inequity built into it with regard to establishing nutrient limits for publicly owned wastewater treatment plants, ms 4's, and cafos.

Since the EPA has no ability to control nutrient contributions to the Chesapeake Bay from run-off then the burden for reducing nutrients to the Bay falls to the above mentioned permitted entities.

For example, the potw's in New York State are responsible for only 1% of the nutrients

delivered to the Chesapeake Bay. When the TMDL is established these same small communities will need to spend hundreds of millions of dollars in order to equip their facilities to meet the standard.

This is not only wasteful it is also ineffective.

Thank you,

Rich Dunning